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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processor comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving a series of data including a predetermined mark for detecting synchronization and generating parallel data from the series of data; and

a plurality of detecting units being provided at each bit position of the parallel data, the detecting units being adapted to detect whether strings of bits of the parallel data corresponding to strings of bits of the series of data continuing from each bit position of the parallel data as a starting point of the predetermined mark are the predetermined mark; and

wherein any one of the detecting units detects the starting point of the predetermined mark.

2. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of detecting units detect the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization in a predetermined bit width among the series of data in parallel condition.

3. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a generation timing selecting unit for selecting generation timing of a window for detecting the predetermined mark based on the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

4. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a data demodulating unit for demodulating the series of data between the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization based on the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

5. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a detection line memory unit for storing a detection line based on the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

6. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a data selecting unit for selecting data based on the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

7. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, further comprising a data counting unit for counting the series of data between the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization based on the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, wherein said receiving unit is provided with a shift register to input the plurality of parallel data connected with the detecting units in the same number as the number of parallel data.

10. (Currently Amended) A data processor for detecting a predetermined mark for detecting synchronization that is included in a series of data read from a memory medium in order to establish synchronization at a time of transferring the series of data to a controller unit from a read channel unit, comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving the series of data including the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization and generating parallel data from the series of data; and

a plurality of detecting units being provided at each bit position of the parallel data, the detecting units being adapted to detect whether strings of bits of the parallel data corresponding to strings of bits of the series of data continuing from each bit position of the parallel data as a starting point of the predetermined mark are the predetermined mark; and

wherein any one of the detecting units detects the starting point of the predetermined mark.

11. (Currently Amended) A data processing method comprising the following steps of:

receiving a series of data including a predetermined mark for detecting synchronization;

generating a parallel data from the series of data;

detecting the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization from any one of strings of bits of the parallel data continuing from each bit position of the parallel data to establish synchronization of the series of data; and

demodulating the series of data based on the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization detected from one of the bit strings.

12. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined mark for detecting synchronization is ~~are~~ detected in predetermined bit widths of the series of data in parallel condition.

13. (Previously Presented) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein generation timing of a window for detecting predetermined mark is selected based on the detected predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

14. (Previously Presented) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein a detection line is stored based on the detected predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

15. (Previously Presented) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein data is selected based on the detected predetermined mark for detecting synchronization.

16. (Previously Presented) A data processing method according to claim 11, wherein data between the detected predetermined mark for detecting synchronization is counted up.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of detecting units are provided in equal number to the number of bits constituting the parallel data.

19. (Previously Presented) A data processor according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of detecting units are provided in equal number to the number of bits constituting the parallel data.